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Foreword

Managing Cisco Network Security presents in book format all the topics covered in the challenging instructor-led certification preparation course of the same name. MCNS teaches you the knowledge and skills needed to install, configure, operate, manage, and verify Cisco network security products and Cisco IOS software security features in IP networks. You will learn how to identify network security threats, secure remote dial-in access with CiscoSecure ACS and Cisco IOS AAA features, protect Internet access using Cisco perimeter routers and PIX Firewalls, and implement secure VPNs with IPSec. Whether you are preparing for the Cisco specialization in security or are seeking to gain a practical understanding of Cisco network security solutions, you will benefit from the information presented in this book.

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Thomas M. Kelly Vice President, Internet Learning Solutions Group Cisco Systems, Inc. July 2000

Preface

Computer and network security have become front-page news due to the prevalence of attacks and the realization that the Internet revolution is here to stay and is the key to prosperity of individuals and countries. Leaders of nations and companies worldwide have been forced to pay attention to the urgent need for network security. Many have realized that their networks lack even basic security measures and that there are not enough network professionals trained to implement network security. Yet network security seems to be a complex, even esoteric subject that defies understanding by any but the most elite network professionals.

Many of us whose careers are focused on increasing the knowledge and competency level of networking professionals saw the need to create a holistic approach to teaching network security in order to help people get started in better securing their networks. We saw the need to jump-start people into the network security field so that many more people could develop security expertise, thereby increasing network security as a whole. We decided to create a new network security course to address the anticipated need.

Early in 1997, while a developer in Cisco Worldwide Training, I was assigned by my thenmanager, Chris Berriman, to develop the Managing Cisco Network Security (MCNS) course. Although nobody had yet requested such a course, our group had the vision to anticipate the eventual exploding need for network security training. I performed an informal survey of competitive offerings and found that no other companies were offering an equivalent course.

The course was intended to provide a survey of Cisco network security technology, balancing breadth of technology offering with depth of coverage on each subject. Hands-on lab exercises would cement concepts and facts. The MCNS project was launched, and a team effort led to the production of the first and subsequent versions.

This book is parallel in content to the MCNS course, yet it is completely rewritten based on extensive research. The need for a comprehensive network security book is especially strong today. This book addresses the compelling need to educate many more networking professionals and associates on vital network security needs, making network security available and understandable to many more people.

Mike Wenstrom Cisco Systems, Inc. August 2000

Introduction

The goal of this book is to help readers implement Cisco-supported network security technologies and design and implement more-secure networks. This book is designed to supplement the MCNS course or act as a standalone reference.

This Book's Audience

The book is written for anyone who wants to learn about Cisco network security features and technologies. The main target audience is networking professionals who need to expand their knowledge beyond routing and switching technologies and improve their ability to install, configure, monitor, and verify Cisco network security products and features. This book assumes that you have a knowledge of Cisco networking equivalent to that required to pass the CCNA certification exam.

The secondary target audience is general users who need to understand network security threats and how to mitigate those threats. This book explains many network security concepts and technologies with a user-friendly approach that should appeal to readers who prefer less-technical manuals.

This Book's Features

This book has a number of unique features that will help you learn and put to work the network security topics covered in this book:

- Concepts covered—At the beginning of each chapter is a list of topics covered in that
 chapter. This provides a reference to the concepts covered and can be used as an advanced
 organizer.
- Figures, examples, and tables—This book contains figures, examples, and tables that
 present each chapter's content in an easy-to-use form. The figures help explain concepts
 and software processes, the examples provide examples of commands and output, and the
 tables present facts such as command syntax with descriptions.
- Case studies—The XYZ Company, a hypothetical enterprise, is used in each chapter to
 anchor configuration examples into a unified whole and to make the examples more
 realistic. A sample network security policy based on the XYZ Company is used
 throughout this book as a model of how to implement security policy directives. Case
 study network examples in many chapters summarize configuration information taught in
 the chapter based on the XYZ customer environment.
- Command summaries—Command summaries are included with each subject instead of
 in a separate section as a courtesy to you, making it easier to learn and apply the tasks
 being presented.

- Chapter summaries—At the end of each chapter is a summary of the concepts covered in that chapter. It provides a synopsis of the chapter and serves as a study aid.
- Review questions—After the summary in each chapter are 10 review questions that reinforce the concepts presented in that chapter. They help you test your understanding before you move on to new concepts. The answers to these questions are provided in Appendix D.
- **References**—After the review questions is a listing of references related to the topics presented in that chapter. They help you extend your knowledge beyond what is covered in the chapter.

Conventions Used in This Book

This book uses the following conventions:

- Important or new terms are italicized.
- All code examples appear in monospace type, and parts of code use the following conventions:
 - Commands and keywords are in **bold** type.
 - Arguments, which are placeholders for values the user inputs, appear in *italics*.
 - Square brackets ([]) indicate optional keywords or arguments.
 - Braces ({ }) indicate required choices.
 - Vertical bars (1) are used to separate required choices.

This Book's Organization

This book is divided into seven parts, including 18 chapters and four appendixes.

Part I: Establishing Network Security Policy

Chapter 1, "Evaluating Network Security Threats," answers the fundamental question "Why do we need network security?" by examining the potential threats to an enterprise network. It examines network security challenges and the three primary reasons for network security vulnerabilities. It also provides a snapshot of network intruders and addresses the four major categories of network security threats and the tools used to execute them.

Chapter 2, "Evaluating a Network Security Policy," examines the economics of protecting the network and outlines the major components of a network security policy. It also summarizes a network security survey conducted by Cisco and contains an exercise in which you evaluate a sample security policy.

Chapter 3, "Securing the Network Infrastructure," presents how to configure Cisco routers to secure the campus network environment. It covers securing the administrative interface, controlling SNMP access to network devices, ways to control routing updates from interlopers, simple methods to control network traffic, and controlling Ethernet switch port and access security.

Part II: Dialup Security

Chapter 4, "Examining Cisco AAA Security Technology," discusses the AAA architecture and technologies associated with it. It presents concepts useful for implementing AAA security solutions available in Cisco products.

Chapter 5, "Configuring the Network Access Server for AAA Security," discusses how to configure a Cisco network access server to allow AAA processes to use a local or remote security database. In addition, it covers how to troubleshoot problems with AAA processes.

Chapter 6, "Configuring CiscoSecure ACS and TACACS+/RADIUS," discusses the features and architecture of CiscoSecure ACS for Microsoft Windows NT and UNIX platforms. In addition, it describes how to configure CiscoSecure ACS for NT to perform AAA functions for Cisco network access servers, focusing on using the TACACS+ protocol.

Part III: Securing the Internet Connection

Chapter 7, "Configuring a Cisco Perimeter Router," presents how to create a perimeter security system using the security features of a Cisco router. It includes an overview of perimeter security components and Cisco IOS software features that are useful for perimeter security. It also shows you how to use each feature to secure the network perimeter.

Chapter 8, "Configuring the Cisco IOS Firewall," discusses how to use the Cisco IOS Firewall feature set on Cisco routers to enhance perimeter security. It includes an overview of context-based access control, and it shows you how to configure the IOS Firewall in a perimeter security system.

Part IV: Configuring the CiscoSecure PIX Firewall

Chapter 9, "PIX Firewall Basics," presents the capabilities, features, and configuration options of the PIX Firewall family. It shows that the PIX Firewall can provide powerful security even with a basic configuration command set.

Chapter 10, "Configuring Access Through the PIX Firewall," builds on Chapter 9, discussing how to control inbound and outbound access through the PIX Firewall with specific configuration commands. It includes configuring network address translation, static translations, and other methods of access control.

Chapter 11, "Configuring Multiple Interfaces and AAA on the PIX Firewall," discusses how to flexibly configure multiple interfaces on the PIX Firewall to create a more-secure DMZ. It also covers how to configure AAA features of the PIX Firewall to work with CiscoSecure ACS, enabling user-level access control.

Chapter 12, "Configuring Advanced PIX Firewall Features," discusses some of the more specialized features of the PIX Firewall that make it a powerful yet flexible firewall to control Internet access and features. It includes coverage of PPTP support, Java applet blocking, URL and FTP filtering, SNMP and syslog support, PIX Firewall redundancy, and maintenance features.

Part V: Configuring Cisco Encryption Technology

Chapter 13, "Cisco Encryption Technology Overview," discusses the concepts required to configure Cisco Encryption Technology on Cisco routers. It presents encryption algorithms, hashing techniques, digital signatures, and key exchange methods used with Cisco Encryption Technology.

Chapter 14, "Configuring Cisco Encryption Technology," presents the tasks and steps you must follow to configure Cisco Encryption Technology on Cisco routers. It presents the Cisco IOS commands used to configure and test Cisco Encryption Technology, organized in the order in which you would enter them to enable this feature.

Part VI: Configuring a VPN with IPSec

Chapter 15, "Understanding Cisco IPSec Support," presents an overview of IPSec and the IPSec protocols available in Cisco products used to create a VPN. Each IPSec protocol is considered. Subsequent chapters provide details on how to configure IPSec support in Cisco products.

Chapter 16, "Configuring Cisco IOS IPSec," discusses how to configure IPSec in Cisco routers for preshared key and RSA encryption authentication in a site-to-site topology. It simplifies the complex process you must follow to configure IPSec by breaking it into discreet tasks and steps.

Chapter 17, "Configuring PIX Firewall IPSec Support," discusses how to configure IPSec in PIX Firewalls for preshared key authentication in a site-to-site topology. It presents how to configure IPSec in tasks and steps, showing you all the commands necessary to enable this feature.

Chapter 18, "Scaling Cisco IPSec Networks," describes how to configure Cisco IPSec networks consisting of Cisco routers and PIX Firewalls using IPSec so that they can scale to support multiple IPSec peers while maintaining security. It covers how to configure certification authority support and remote access for Cisco VPN client access.

Part VII: Appendixes

Appendix A, "XYZ Company Case Study Scenario," describes the XYZ Company case study to help tie together the security concepts and implementation procedures discussed throughout this book. It presents the IP addresses and networking devices used in sample configurations in each chapter.

Appendix B, "An Example of an XYZ Company Network Security Policy," contains an example of a network security policy for the XYZ Company network used throughout this book. It includes policy statements that address major issues of enterprise network security for the XYZ Company.

Appendix C, "Configuring Standard and Extended Access Lists," summarizes Cisco IOS access lists, which are fundamental to many security features in Cisco routers. It includes coverage of commands used with standard and extended IP access lists.

Appendix D, "Answers to Review Questions," provides the answers to the review questions at the end of each chapter.

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